FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA TURKEY TACO FILLING PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-265 for frozen cooked turkey taco filling for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers are invited from suppliers which have been previously approved by the Contracting Officer for frozen cooked turkey taco filling, produced from ground turkey (ready-to-cook, nonbasted, young turkeys or turkey products, and turkey skin), and spices/seasonings. The commodity must be packaged in 3- or 5-pound (1.36- or 2.27-kg) packages to a net weight of 30 pounds (13.61 kg) in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,300 shipping containers totaling 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

Invitation No. 3, inviting offers from approved suppliers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Dec. 16, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, December 20. Deliveries will be made in accordance with noticesto-deliver.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-265, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for Turkey Taco Filling dated July 2002.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch Stop 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

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